

Village of Cold Spring
Board of Trustees Workshop

October 28, 2014

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a workshop on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 7:30 PM at the Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY.

Attending were Mayor J. Ralph Falloon, Trustees Stephanie Hawkins, Michael Bowman, and Cathryn Fadde and Village Attorney, Michael Liguori. Trustee Bruce Campbell was absent.

The Tree Committee submitted a draft **Tree Commission Ordinance** for the Board's approval/additions/deletions from which the Committee will work. Before the task of setting the ordinance for the Tree Committee took place, Trustee Bowman entertained comment from Mr. Liguori regarding the name of the "committee". After a discussion with the audience, Jennifer Zwarich, Chair of the Committee, the Board, and Village Attorney, Michael Liguori, both on the draft ordinance and the proper name of the committee, it was agreed to name the committee, from now forward, the *Tree Advisory Committee*. Trustee Hawkins read the red-line edits from Mr. Liguori for the ordinance and the Board agreed to merge the two drafts. Mr. Liguori will draw up a final draft for the Board's approval.

Trustee Hawkins made a motion to hold a public hearing for the vetting of the draft Tree Advisory Committee Ordinance on December 2, 2014 at 7:30 PM at the Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fadde and approved with a unanimous vote.

Prior to this meeting, Trustee Campbell spoke with Joe Russo regarding the possibility of his taking over the cleaning and maintenance of the **public restrooms** at the bottom of Main Street for the rest of this year, 2014, as Joe's work load has decreased due to the fact that lawn maintenance has ended for the season. He agreed to the request.

The Board took on a discussion of **Chapter 104 Signs and Placards**. This chapter was proven illegal in a court case with Donald Lusk. Before taking this on, Trustee Bowman is going to do more research on dimensions of signs in other nearby communities and also touching base with the HDRB.

A conversation took place with the Board, William Bujarski, Code Enforcer, and the audience regarding **Chapter 40-3(2) Building Permit Expiration**. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that the Building Permit Expiration will be made to be consistent with the Village Zoning Board of Appeals, Historical District Review Board and the Town of Philipstown.

With the above change, which could be a two (2) year permit with renewals without limitations, it was decided that the fee schedule should be cut in half.

The **Zoning Update Committee** is reviewing the NYSERDA grant. They will get back to the Board with their input.

Correspondence

The Philipstown Food Pantry is sponsoring "The Gobble is Coming" to be held on St. Mary's Episcopal Church Lawn, 9:00 am to 10:00 am, November 15, 2014. Admission is a frozen turkey which you carry with you as you "run/walk or stroll" along a course thru Cold Spring. Creativity is encouraged! All

turkeys and any other donations are to benefit The Philipstown Food Pantry. Costumes are encouraged. The Cold Spring Lions Club is donating their insurance umbrella to cover this event.

For this event, Wall Street will be closed. The information will be given to the Cold Spring Police Department for their approval. Trustee Hawkins made a motion to approve this event with the presentation of the Certificate of Insurance from the Lions Club stating coverage for the Philipstown Food Pantry's event and the approval of the Police Department. Trustee Bowman seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The **Multi Modal Drainage Project's** grant of \$25,000 for drainage improvements on Route 9D near Craigsides Drive that started with past Mayor, Anthony Phillips is coming to a close. Mayor Falloon has spoken with Mr. Phillips requesting his continued commitment to the project. Upon Mr. Phillips' agreement to continue, Mr. Phillips met with the County to enlist their help to do the work along with the Village Highway Department. The County has agreed to do the project for cost. In return, they are requesting the Village Highway Department plow the American Legion property on Cedar Street and the Nelsonville Fire Department on Main Street. The County holds the "Friendship Center" providing lunch for seniors at the American Legion and uses the Nelsonville Fire Department building as a sub-station for the Sheriff's Department. The County has an annual **Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA)** with the Village.

Mr. Liguori prepared an updated annual Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) with the Village. It was given to Barbara Succimarra to bring to the County for their approval. Upon the return of the IMA, a vote will be taken for the Village's approval.

Trustee Hawkins spoke to Bob Bickford, Chair of Putnam County Board of Ethics regarding his coming to add his expertise in helping set up a **Board of Ethics, Chapter 9 Section 6**, of the Village code. Mr. Bickford declined to visit until the Board moves ahead and appoints Board members. At that time, he will be happy to meet with them.

Trustee Hawkins made a motion to set up a Board of Ethics and advertise in all papers. Trustee Bowman seconded the motion and it was carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Liguori pointed out that the Board of Ethics is already in existence in our Code and therefore, we need only to advertise to fill the positions, not vote on setting one up. Trustee Hawkins rescinded her motion and Trustee Bowman rescinded his second. Trustee Hawkins made a motion to advertise to the Village residents to apply for an appointment to the Board of Ethics with a second to her motion from Trustee Bowman. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote. The Village Clerk will post the advertisement.

At last week's meeting, a memo for the **Beautification of our Village** was drawn up for Mayor Falloon's signature to be distributed to the businesses along Main Street with excerpts from the Village Code Pertinent to signage, Chapter 64 – Historic District and Chapter 108 – Streets and Sidewalks. At Mr. Liguori's approval of the memo, Trustee Hawkins made a motion to send out the memo seconded by Trustee Fadde. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

There will be **NO meeting on November 4, 2014**, Election Day.

Mayor Falloon has spoken to all but one of the Planning Board members regarding their **confusion of their ability to control the mass and scale of the Butterfield Project** set forth with the approval of the

B4A Zoning Code change and Barton & Loguidice's application of such. He will give his report after speaking with the last member.

Trustee Fadde spoke for the **Parking Committee**. They would like to remove all the non-code dependent signs along the Village streets and possibly add others. Trustee Hawkins wanted to know what the justifications were for the removal or addition of the signs. She suggested a workshop to discuss the signs in question.

Trustee Fadde spoke with approval of the additional parking that was allowed with the removal of the "parking space markings" on the south side of Main Street and would like the Board's approval to remove the spacing on the north side. Trustee Hawkins stated with those positive results, "go for it". Trustee Hawkins made a motion to remove the marked parking spaces on the north side of Main Street with a second from Trustee Bowman. The vote was carried unanimously. It was also stated that perhaps the fifteen (15) minute parking space in front of C & E on the corner of Main and Church Streets be moved up the hill a little further so as not to constrict the view of the oncoming traffic when trying to enter Main Street from the one-way Church Street.

Mayor Falloon acted to find more parking along the Cedar Street, Mountain Avenue and Locust Ridge areas in order to bring some relief from school parking in front of the residents' homes along those streets. Based on his effort to do so, he had boulders moved in from the Cedar Street roadside closer to what he believed was the **Nelsonville Cemetery** boundary line. However, as an end result of some community residents' complaints, along with Trustee Bowman's, Mayor Falloon got in touch with Chair, Catherine Vargas, of the Putnam County Cemetery Committee to sort out the controversy. As a result of a meeting at the Nelsonville Cemetery with himself, Trustee Bowman, Catherine Vargas and Cathy Sapeta, it was determined that the boundary was compromised. Mayor Falloon apologized to all concerned, took full responsibility for his action, and said that he made a mistake and he will have it fixed.

In the letter to Mayor Falloon regarding the compromised boundary line, Ms. Vargas also complimented the work done by Betty Budney at these historic cemeteries; the Nelsonville Cemetery and the Cold Spring Cemetery at Craigsides Drive and Mountain Avenue. As a tribute to Ms. Budney, she suggested that fencing be installed. To that request, there is a line item in the Village budget of \$650.00 for upkeep of cemeteries. This can be donated toward the purchase and installation of fencing.

Public Comment

- What is the update on the Furnace Street work? -- It is in CHA's hands
- The "Do Not Enter" sign for Furnace Street keeps coming off the poll. Please improve the signage.
- (to the Board) Did you understand the process of the B4A zoning that anything could be done under site plan review?
- There should be professional handling of the cemetery.
- The B4A restricts the Planning Board's ability to do their work. Is the Planning Board planning on discussing it?

Meeting Adjourned with a motion from Trustee Fadde, seconded by Trustee Bowman with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully

Sandra L. Falloon